



CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-3077

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING

Voting Members:

Ikaika Anderson, Chair
Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair
Brandon J.C. Elefante
Ann H. Kobayashi
Kymberly Marcos Pine

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
2ND FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

Note: A copy of the video of the full proceedings of this meeting may be requested by calling the City Clerk's Office at 768-5822.

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Committee on Planning was called to order by Committee Chair Ikaika Anderson at 10:12 a.m. Voting Members Elefante, Fukunaga, Kobayashi, and Pine were present at the meeting. Nonvoting Member, Council Chair Martin also attended the meeting.

STAFF PRESENT

Alan Texeira, Legislative Aide to Committee Chair Anderson
Lori Hiraoka, Attorney, Office of Council Services
Gavin Kennedy, Analyst, Office of Council Services
Duane Pang, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel,
substituting for the deputy assigned to the Committee
Gail Murayama, Council Committee Aide, Office of the City Clerk

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FOR ACTION

1. BILL 1 (2017) – COMMITTEE REPORT 245

REVISED KOOLAU LOA SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN. Repealing the existing Sustainable Communities Plan (SCP) for Koolau Loa, Article 7, Chapter 24, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, and adopting a new Article 7 incorporating the revised Koolau Loa SCP.

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Administration/Others

Kathy Sokugawa, Acting Director, Department of Planning and Permitting

Committee Chair Anderson provided a brief background on the Koolau Loa Sustainable Communities Plan and offered proposed amendments to the Bill and the Plan, as detailed in Communications CC-205, CC-208, and CC-215. He noted that the Plan has evolved from an originally proposed 875-home subdivision encompassing 300 acres to 200 homes in north Laie and additional housing on the Brigham Young University Hawaii (BYUH) campus. The Committee Chair emphasized that the Plan no longer includes any development in Malaekahana.

RECESS / RECONVENE

At this juncture, Committee Chair Anderson called for a brief recess at 10:15 a.m.; the meeting was reconvened at 10:20 a.m. and discussion continued.

Acting Director Sokugawa testified in support of the proposed amendments to the Bill and the Plan. She noted that, although the amendments do not include the housing that the Department originally proposed to help alleviate the overwhelming need for housing in the community, the DPP is deferring to the Council on the issue.

The Acting Director noted that small, additional updates to the Plan may be necessary to address laws that have been passed since the Plan's introduction.

Committee Chair Anderson stated that the goal of the proposed amendments was to provide the community with additional housing opportunities while ensuring that Malaekahana was protected from future residential development. The Committee Chair emphasized that the proposed amendments do not include any additional housing in Malaekahana.

The following individuals testified:

1. Keola Wayne Kaleimamahu (comments, oppose any development by Hawaii Reserves, Inc.)
2. Andrea Anixt (comments, oppose growth)
3. Joe Wilson (support Bill in original form, oppose amendments)
4. Alan Poh (support Bill in original form)
5. Jinendra Jinadasa (comments)
6. Harry Wasson (oppose any development)
7. Dean Hamer (support Bill in original form, oppose amendments)

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8. Senator Gil Riviere (oppose amendments)
9. Kathryn Heath (oppose amendments)
10. Margaret Primacio, Defend Oahu Coalition (support Bill in original form)
11. Kathleen Morita (oppose amendments)
12. Eugenia Soliai (support Bill 1)
13. Dr. Rosalind Ram (support amendments)
14. Natalia Hussey-Burdick, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii (oppose amendments)
15. Charlene Latu (support amendments)
16. Michael Kirk-Kuwaye (support Bill in original form)
17. Dr. Joan Koff (oppose amendments)
18. John Carroll (oppose)
19. Roy Nakamura (oppose any development)
20. Jocelyn Lopez (support Bill)
21. Gwen Kim (oppose amendments)
22. Richard Vierra (support amendments)
23. David Betham (support amendments)
24. Lance Pagadon (support amendments)
25. Kahu Rita Kanui (comments)
26. Marco Perez Estrada (comments)
27. Kalani (comments)
28. Kevin Schlag, Laie Community Association (support amendments)
29. Jodi Malinoski, Sierra Club Oahu Group (support Bill in original form)
30. Joshua Noga (support Bill in original form)
31. Larry McElheny (oppose amendments)
32. Liz Rego-Kaili (oppose amendments)
33. Carla Gimpel (oppose amendments)
34. Scott Muhlestein (oppose amendments)
35. Boyd Ready (comments)
36. Ben Shafer (support Bill in original form)
37. Pane Maetoga, III (support amendments)
38. Reverend Bob Nakata (comments)
39. Dr. Jim Anthony, Pacific Research & Info Network (oppose amendments)
40. Jonathan Miller (support amendments)
41. Saili Levi (support amendments)
42. Elisabeth Logan Levi (support amendments)
43. Eric Wordiman (support amendments)
44. K.C. Connors (comments, oppose amendments)
45. Choon James (comments)
46. Anna Kaanga (support amendments)
47. Steve Hoag (support amendments)

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48. Eric Beaver, Hawaii Reserves, Inc. (HRI)

In response to Committee Chair Anderson's question regarding access to kuleana properties, Mr. Beaver stated that HRI issues keys to community members who can show ownership of landlocked parcels within HRI property. Mr. Beaver noted that approximately eight to ten kuleana properties exist within HRI-owned lands.

In response to Committee Member Elefante's inquiry regarding the amount of developable lands that are currently available to BYUH, Mr. Beaver stated that BYUH has added additional floors to some of its campus dormitories, but any further large-scale development would require an amendment to the university's Plan Review Use (PRU) permit and an amendment to the State land use boundary.

49. Isaac Mamizuka (oppose any development)

Council Chair Martin commented that the issue has been ongoing for a substantial amount of time. He noted that he has always been in favor of moderate growth in the area and can see the benefits of the proposed amendments, but would also like to ensure that there would be no further growth whatsoever in Malaekahana. The Council Chair stated that he would prefer to defer action on the Bill to allow further discussion with HRI, BYUH, and members of the community. He further noted that he would like to have hearings on the matter held in the community.

In response to Committee Member Elefante's question regarding the area water source, Acting Director Sokugawa stated that she was unsure about the ownership of the water source. The Acting Director concurred with Mr. Beaver's assertion that expansion of the BYUH campus would require an amendment to the PRU permit and, possibly, a Special Use Permit from the Land Use Commission.

Committee Chair Anderson reiterated his opposition to any development in Malaekahana. He stated that the amendments are an effort to strike a compromise in a very divisive matter. The Committee Chair recommended that the Bill be amended to a CD1 to incorporate the amendments in CC-205, CC-208, and CC-215, and reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing. He noted that the Bill would be referred back to the Committee following Council second reading and that the Committee would be more than willing to take its meeting out to the Koolau Loa community.

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Committee Member Elefante concurred with the Committee Chair's recommendation. He noted that he filed Disclosure of Interest Statements CC-384, -385 and -386.

Committee Members Fukunaga and Pine concurred with the Committee Chair's recommendation, with reservations.

Bill 1 (2017) amended to CD1.

AYES: ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, PINE, ANDERSON – 5.
NOES: None.

Bill 1 (2017), CD1 reported out for passage on second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA*, KOBAYASHI, PINE*, ANDERSON – 5.
NOES: None.

* Councilmembers Fukunaga and Pine voted aye with reservations.

CD1 TO BILL 1 (2017) (Submitted by Councilmember Anderson) – The CD1 amends the Bill based on the Committee Chair's recommendations.

Related communications:

CC-205	Councilmember Ikaika Anderson, submitting proposed amendments to Bill 1 (2017).
CC-208	Councilmember Ikaika Anderson, submitting proposed amendments to Bill 1 (2017).
CC-215	Councilmember Ikaika Anderson, submitting further amendments to CC-205.
M-331	Early testimony for Bill 1 (2017).
M-332	Additional testimony for Bill 1 (2017).

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GLEN I. TAKAHASHI
City Clerk

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DATE APPROVED

August 28, 2018